

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"



December 14, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION ASSIGNING TO THE BALDWIN HILLS REGIONAL
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY THE COUNTY'S RIGHT TO APPLY
FOR SPECIFIED EXCESS FUNDS FOR THE BALDWIN HILLS
UNDER THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996
(Second District — 3-Vote Matter)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Adopt the attached resolution assigning to the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (Authority) the County's right to apply for \$4,677,474.40 of Specified Excess Funds allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation (the Department) under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (the 1996 Proposition) for the acquisition and development of parcels within the approved boundary of Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Authority to apply for \$4,677,474.40 of Specified Excess Funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) for the acquisition and development of parcels within the approved boundary of the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, located in Baldwin Hills.

The 1983 Baldwin Hills State Recreation Area General Plan included an ultimate boundary for the Recreation Area (now known as Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area) encompassing 1,296 acres. The Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area currently consists of 500 acres of developed park land and open space. The Authority will use the excess funds to expand the park through the acquisition and development of parcels within the remaining 796 acres approved for the facility as part of the 1983 General Plan.

The establishment of the Authority, a Joint Powers Authority established under Government Code Section 6500 between the County and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, was approved by your Board on April 27, 1999, to provide a comprehensive program to acquire, expand and improve open space, natural habitat, and recreational opportunities within the Baldwin Hills and other natural and recreational areas within the Second Supervisorial District.

Under the provisions of the 1996 Proposition, the Department is the designated agency to receive excess funds allocated to the Baldwin Hills. The 1996 Proposition also requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of excess funds.

In related actions on today's agenda, the Chief Administrative Office and the Department are recommending that your Board approve the Department's request to reallocate certain funds allocated to the Department under the 1992 and 1996 Propositions. The District, in a related matter, is recommending that your Board, acting as the District's governing body, approve the reallocation of per parcel funds and the revised plan of expenditures and alternative plans of expenditure necessary to allow the Department's requested reallocations. Upon approval of the related items, and the execution of grant agreements and amendments necessary to implement the proposed reallocations, the Department will meet the requirement to receive grants of excess funds.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendation furthers the Board-approved Strategic Plan Goal 1 (Service Excellence), Goal 4 (Fiscal Responsibility), Goal 5 (Children and Families' Well-Being) and Goal 6 (Community Service) by providing for the acquisition and development of additional open space and recreational opportunities in the Baldwin Hills area.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This action will have no impact on the County General Fund as the project will be funded through Excess Funds allocated to the Department for acquisition and development within the Baldwin Hills.

Sufficient funds are appropriated in the District's Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6, under Other Charges to enter into the agreement with the Authority.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition provides a method of determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. On June 8, 2004, the District's Board identified excess funds for capital projects for Fiscal Year 2004-05. Based on the District Board's actions, \$4,677,474.40 is available within the Second Supervisorial District for the highest priority regional open space and recreation projects as identified in the 1996 Proposition, including acquisition and development within the Baldwin Hills.

County Counsel has reviewed this action as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15316 and 15325 of the State CEQA Guidelines and classes 16 and 25 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. Further, the Authority will be required to comply with District procedures requiring grantee agencies to comply with the applicable CEQA review for any projects funded by the District.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

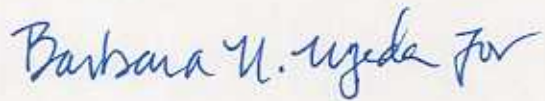
The recommended action will have no impact on any other services or any current or planned projects but will allow for the acquisition and development of additional open space and recreational opportunities within the Baldwin Hills area.

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CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division, and to return three conformed copies to the Department.

Respectfully submitted,



Russ Guiney
Interim Director

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Attachment (1)

c: Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (22)
County Counsel

**COUNTY ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHT TO APPLY FOR FUNDS
FOR THE BALDWIN HILLS PURSUANT TO SECTION 24, SUBSECTIONS b and c
OF THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996**

WHEREAS, the County, under Section 24, Subsections b and c of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 is the designated recipient of excess funds allocated to the highest priority regional open space and recreation projects in the Baldwin Hills; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority, a Joint Powers Authority, was established in 1999 by the County and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the purpose of providing a comprehensive program to acquire, expand and improve open space, natural habitat, and recreational opportunities within the Baldwin Hills and other natural and recreational areas within the Second Supervisorial District; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it is in the County's interest to assign the County's right to apply for those funds to the Authority, for the purpose of acquiring and developing additional properties within the approved boundary of the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area as identified in the 1983 Baldwin Hills Recreation Area General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Authority will submit an application to the Regional Park and Open Space District to obtain a grant for the above-referenced project:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby:

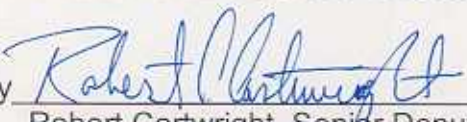
Assigns to the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority the County's right to apply for \$4,677,474.40 of Specified Excess Funds for implementation of the Project.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2004, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, Agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL**

By 
Robert Cartwright, Senior Deputy